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THE MISSIONARY HELPER is about entering upon its ninth year. It has been doing a good work, and has its decided and important place among our denominational literature. Its indorsements are many and encouraging.

There are to be no steps backward in effort to make it serve the purpose for which it was established, that of sending out information in regard to our own mission fields, and of stimulating labor in their behalf. Every one of its departments will be made as attractive and interesting as possible. Contributions from several editorial contributors are expected.

At its last annual meeting the Board voted: "That the scope of the magazine be enlarged so that it shall embrace in its columns various kinds of woman's work, anything which shall aid in the development of the womanhood of our churches, including a fair opportunity of presenting the work of the Woman's Bureau at Ocean Park, and fresh news from different departments of such in the outside world."

The terms of the magazine to subscribers will remain unchanged, and it is hoped that there will be *individual* and *united* effort to increase the number of subscriptions and thus widen its influence. Please note the following items:

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AT * CHRISTMAS * TIME.

BY M. M. BISBEE.

THE clouds are gray, the sky is drear,—
But Christmas bells are full of cheer,
And Christmas time is drawing near,
For the days are fleetly flying.
Swiftly the seasons come and go—
And, wrapped in cloak of winter snow,
The gray old year is dying.

Yet sweetest gift of all the year,
Brightest of all glad Christmas cheer,
God sent from heaven to mortals here,
While the gray old year lay dying;
When on the hills of Palestine,
Led by the guiding star serene,
The Holy Babe by man was seen,
In a humble manger lying.

For him we keep this holy time,
With greeting wish and bell's glad chime,
And Christmas songs replying.
For though earth's best shall pass away,
God's gift to man shall live away.
Rejoice we then on Christmas day,
While the old year lies a-dying!



WHAT more choice, suitable, or valuable Christmas present can be found than a copy of *Missionary Reminiscences*? Send your orders early, that you may be able to secure a copy before the edition is exhausted. Price, \$1.50.

THE reports which form the supplement to this issue will be found to be most interesting reading. The tables of the home secretaries indicate a most decided advance in organization. During this present year, if there shall be care in keeping records, and a faithful use of blanks, the result will be apparent next year in still more complete returns. Read each of these suggestive pages carefully, study them, make familiar the constitution and by-laws. And may we not for a moment let the idea of individual responsibility drop from the mind.

DR. PHILLIPS is expected to reach this country and his family near Christmas. Plans are being made for Dr. Bachelor's return to India about the first of January. The only hindrance will be the want of funds, the treasury of the Foreign Mission Society for various causes being depleted just now. The mission is in great need of his care and it is the time for *special* offerings. Mrs. Bachelor will remain to return with Miss Bachelor, who is pursuing medical studies in Philadelphia.

THROUGH the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, the Rev. Mr. Stacey, whose informant is the Rev. Mr. Griffin, of Balasore, we learn that a great cyclone visited Orissa, India, beginning September 22 and lasting two days. The damage done in Balasore was slight, but Chandbali is almost totally destroyed, but two or three houses being left in it. It is thought that it will be rebuilt.

The condition of things along the coast south of Balasore is appalling. Five hundred villages were swept away by a great tidal wave twenty feet high. It is impossible to tell

the number of those who have perished ; probably not less than four or five thousand. The rice in this section is all gone.

THE letter of Mrs. Griffin in the November issue must have been read with much interest. In a note sent a week later she adds what will become a practical thing, we hope, for some one to assist in helping her to do. Industrial education is a subject which is receiving much attention now-a-days. Let the boys and the girls everywhere have trades and the book instruction as well. She says :

“ And now the boys need to be remembered especially. The number of them in the Boys’ Orphanage is increasing, and we are most anxious to build a workshop, and while we teach them to read, to instruct them about trades. Then we also desire to give the benefit of the workshop to any of the boys of the Christian village and school who will avail themselves of its privileges. Fever is raging badly here.

THE publications of our own Printing Establishment, recently removed to Boston, are worthy of our attention. Every family needs the *Morning Star*, and the young people’s papers and the quarterlies are warmly commended to all our Sabbath schools. See advertisement on another page.

RENEWALS.— A large number of subscriptions will expire with this number. From all these we are confidently expecting renewals for the coming year. By prompt payment you have helped much. Will you not renew promptly, and make an effort to send the name of one new subscriber ?

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.— It is important at all times that subscriptions be promptly paid, but it is especially so just now. There are a few names on our books who are in arrears for one and two years. Will not such comply with the request to help the work by sending payment at an early date.

ATTENTION is cordially invited to the advertisements in this issue. We are grateful for continued patronage.

ONE of the Indian government inspectors of schools declares that the labors of women missionaries in the zenanas are of greater importance than the establishment of government schools for girls. The success which has attended missionary zenana work has so stirred the Mohammedans that they have issued a "warning" against the admission of Christian teachers.

Now and then a subscriber says that one name will make so little difference you can drop mine. Does such an one remember the significance of "the grain of sand," or "the drop of water" as related to the whole. Let no one regard the renewal of her subscription unimportant. Let it be done with a feeling of privilege. Are we not all "workers together?"

WE have received from the Rev. John E. Cox copies of two photographic views of the First Kanawha Free Baptist Church, recently erected at Hampton, W. Va. Mr. Cox says that the house and lot are worth \$2,400, and that his people have completed the work without outside help, and they are by no means wealthy. The pictures are about 6 x 8 inches and give a clear view of this little church, nestled apparently under the mountain. The profits arising from the sales of them are to be used for the purchase of a bell. Persons willing to help this good object will send fifty cents for one, or one dollar for the two views, to the Rev. J. E. Cox, Hampton, W. Va.

He adds that the outlook is as promising as ever, but the churches have been destitute of preaching for more than a year, and the effects of such neglect are painfully apparent.

A Leaf from My Note-Book.

[BY MRS. J. BURNHAM DAVIS.]

TIME, place, and a variety of circumstances conspired to make the seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions a momentous event in the history of modern missions.

Tuesday, October 14, at 3 P. M., the meeting was called to order in Tremont Temple, Boston, by its venerable chairman, Dr. Mark Hopkins, who, for twenty-eight years in succession, has been its presiding officer. Around the balconies and over the platform were suspended large maps of all the important missions. Conspicuously placed among them was a large chart, showing the vast proportions of the still "dark places of the world." In front of the president, surmounted with a bouquet of rare flowers, was the table around which sat the entire American Board at its first meeting in Farmington, Conn., Sept. 5, 1810, which was composed of five men and the pastor of the church, in whose parlor the meeting was held, and whose father was so moved by the new missionary enterprise, that from him was received its first bequest of five hundred dollars, one-fifth of his entire estate. The table was presented to the organization upon this anniversary by the pastor's descendants. It is of solid mahogany and may appropriately be called, "The Original American Board."

Immediately following the opening exercises were reports of the home and foreign departments, and the treasurer, from which and other papers the following facts were elicited. Although there has been a marked gain in the number of churches contributing, an increase of 114, yet there has been instead of an increase of contributions, a slight diminution, about one-half of one per cent. during the last year.

Question. How shall the regular, systematic donations from individuals and churches be lifted to a permanent advance of not less than twenty-five per cent.?

The number of missionaries sent out by the American Board during the seventy-five years of its existence, is 786 men, 1,080 women, an annual average of twenty-five for the whole period: a number, which in recent years has been but slightly in excess of the annual average loss occasioned by death, return to this country, ill-health, or other causes.

Of the 413 missionary laborers now employed, forty-five are children and nine grandchildren of missionaries, fifteen per cent. of the whole number.

The total contributions into the treasury of the American Board from the Woman's Board since its organization, seventeen years ago, is not far from \$1,270,000, an annual average of \$70,000.

The total amount contributed by the children during the last twenty-five years is probably about \$500,000, an annual average of \$20,000.

Although twenty-five years ago thirteen missions were closed and transferred to the Presbyterian Board, yet the field now occupied is larger than ever before. Principles of self-support are being inculcated, so that the day seems not far distant when other missions, like that of the Sandwich Islands, shall be able, not only to prosecute their own work without foreign aid, but also join in the greater labor of general evangelization.

Work for women is assuming larger proportions. The development of a higher christian education is one of the most encouraging features. Seventeen hundred girls are under the special care of cultured women, and ten times as many receive religious instruction at their homes from the wives of missionaries and Bible readers. There are also fifty schools and colleges for the higher education of men.

During the last years of this third quarter of a century the board has received into its treasury and disbursed with no serious check to its gifts from the churches, the additional sum of \$1,000,000.

The financial outlook is hopeful, the lack of laborers is ominous. For the first time in twenty-five years there is no one saying, "Here am I, send me." Fifty men and their wives, and fifty single women are needed at once to prosecute the work already commenced.

Query. Is it reasonable to expect to conquer the hosts of heathendom with *less than a regiment of men*?

More than an hour before the time appointed for the opening of the Temple for service, on Wednesday evening, the corridors, entrances, sidewalk, and far into the street were thronged with a solid mass of men and women, eager to hear "America's most polished pulpit orator," Dr. R. S. Storrs, of Brooklyn, N. Y. When the doors were at last flung open, a

feeling of dismay took possession of at least one woman, as the crowd swayed and surged at the entrance, but a glance at the expectant faces under the full blaze of the electric light, revealed the fact that there was nothing to fear. It was a company of Christians; so Christian courtesy was apparent even in their eagerness.

Long after the building was filled, the throng, showing little evidence of diminution, lingered, and later filled Music Hall and Park Street Church. The speaker was greeted with hearty applause as he appeared upon the platform, and was listened to with rapt attention for two hours as he developed his theme, "The Prospective Advance of Christian Missions, suggested by present lines of movement in Christendom," the treatment of which was masterly. Each word, spoken in a finely modulated tone, could be heard distinctly to the farthest seat in the building.

The centre of attraction on Thursday morning was Mt. Vernon Church, where the Woman's Board of Missions met in council. The audience room and vestry were packed at an early hour, and an overflow meeting was held in Park Street Church and chapel, where all the addresses were a second time repeated.

A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. Dr. Schaufler, eighty-four years old, the veteran Constantinople missionary, who begged for the prayers of those assembled.

Five ladies, from as many different fields, addressed the meeting. Mrs. Howland, of Ceylon, wished it might be told in all the American churches that native Christian women never refuse to pray in social meetings.

Mrs. Pease, of Micronesia, spoke of the isolation of the missionaries upon those islands where the mails are received but once a year, and graphically described their sorrow when the "Morning Star" was wrecked within sight of her home, and they thereby realized that all communication was cut off with their native land. Reference was made to Mrs. Snow, now apparently near death, and the whole assembly joined in prayer for her and the Micronesia mission.

The beginning and growth of "Woman's Foreign Mission Work," with its success and greater possibilities for the future, was discussed in an able paper by Miss Child, Home Secretary. The appeal from all was, "Pray for us;" "Send us more men and women for preachers, teachers, and Bible

readers ;" "Pray that the Lord may make your eyes clear to see your privilege to give to Jesus."

It was a pleasure to those fresh from foreign lands to read in the attentive faces before them, sympathy and encouragement. Their presence and words of cheer were an inspiration to all who listened. As they related incidents of their work, the contrast became very vivid between teaching Hindu women at the entrance of a dark zenana, or instructing a group of half-nude South Sea Islanders, and sitting in that company of cultured, New England women listening to missionary addresses.

On Friday came the separation. As soon as possible after the opening of the Temple every available seat was occupied, as well as each foot of standing-room. To look upon that sea of upturned faces, to remember that large concourse was gathered for one common purpose, "The world for Christ"; to remember that this organization, the originator of modern missions, after seventy-five years of honest, hard work, now represents \$21,000,000 already expended for missions, \$620,000 annually raised for this purpose, 1,866 missionaries, 396 churches, 95,000 Christians redeemed from heathenism; to glance at other bodies of Christians aroused and impelled to do like work, seeing the fruit of this; all this gave not simply a pleasant, satisfied feeling of joy to be numbered with such a company, but an inspiration to go to one's own work more hopeful, more earnest, waiting and watching, looking and longing for the time when the redemption promised shall become a reality.

The Master's presence brooded over the assembly. It was like "seeing Him who is invisible." President Hopkins, in a few felicitous words, brought a ripple of laughter over the assembly, and then a look, as it were, into the very face of "The King," Dr. Webb in appropriate words, committed the cause in its present condition, into the hands of those who are to succeed. The tender, reverential prayer of Dr. Todd, embraced all, and bore them up to the loving Father's notice and protecting care. The congregation joined in the closing hymn, received the last benediction and then filed slowly out, never expecting to meet in a like assembly until "the multitudes are gathered."

ROCHESTER, N. H.

Report of Western Committee.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 8, AND PUBLISHED BY VOTE OF THE SOCIETY.

DEAR SISTERS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:—
As we stand on the threshold of another Missionary year, and turn with grateful hearts to review that which is just closing, we see much to call forth the deepest feelings of loving trust to Him who hath called us into this work, and led, and blessed us in it. And it seems to us now, simply strange that our slumbering energies have not been more aroused to activity in past time; especially those of us who are identified with the Western work, with its great possibilities, as well as its great needs.

All through this broad Northwest, wherever we turn, there are spread out before us such rich fields, all whitened for the harvest, that our hearts cry out to the Master to send here such laborers for these uncultivated fields as are able to bear the burden and sacrifices, which, with the limited means at our command, as a denomination, we can lighten but little.

While there has not been nearly as much accomplished as we hoped would be when we took up the work anew at the commencement of the year, yet we feel that the fruitage is not yet perfected, but that the seed-sowing will yet gladden our hearts by bringing forth results from work which would, if judged from present outlook, appear unprofitable. It has been sometimes disheartening to receive no response to letters of inquiry and encouragement, often repeated; while others of instruction regarding methods to be adopted, and encouragement in overcoming the obstacles of distance and indifference in the way of organizing, would bring a postal with the simple, but very plain words "We have decided that it is useless to attempt anything at present." But with persistence in pushing the responsibility, there has been already one auxiliary formed after such a decision, and we look forward hopefully to success.

But we often turn our eyes longingly to the East, and yearn for the help and inspiration of those whose experience in, and devotion to this work, have brought them such signal

success in kindly enthusiasm in others; and feel that it would be a priceless privilege, to council with them when the work seems so great and the people so indifferent. We have hoped and longed for some one or more of our returned missionaries to visit the West, and by meeting the people face to face, give that impulse to the work and interest in it which would come from *seeing* and *hearing* those who had real experiences of the great need of Gospel Light in heathen lands.

Our Western home secretary will give you the report of work within the limits of the Minnesota Yearly Meeting up to the first of July, 1885. Two auxiliaries have since been added to the number, making eighteen connected with this Yearly Meeting. We hope before another year to report an auxiliary in good working order in every church in our Yearly Meeting. Both Mrs. Croswell and myself have failed to please ourselves in any communication with any of the workers in Nebraska, but are glad to learn through published accounts that they are alive to the work and going forward in it. In Kansas we can learn of but little advance in missionary interest, but Sister Whitcomb is hopeful of coming prosperity, as there seems to be a revival of interest in the general work of the state. And we trust that this rich state will yield many auxiliaries the coming year, as the fruit of consecrated labor. In Dakota there are three auxiliaries, two of them connected with the Hennepin Q. M. Society, while the other, too far in the interior to unite with us, stands alone, and maintains its organization with three members. We have endeavored to encourage this method in other places where there are only two or three of our people, that they might there retain their interest in the work and keep themselves informed of its progress, as well as bear the standard of their own denomination and show their loyalty to it, while disarming sectarian prejudice by uniting in home work with the church with whom they can worship. If this could be carried into general effect, we should find auxiliaries springing up all over this Western country.

An effort is being made to open mission work on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. We have found that there are several important openings with favorable advantages for denominational work. One at Walla-Walla, Washington Territory, where our people have a good Sunday School, and more of them in the city, than of any other de-

nomination. Spokane Falls also, a city whose remarkable natural advantages are said to equal those of Minneapolis, has a goodly number of our people among its most enterprising inhabitants; and several other places where we have found that Free Baptists are settled, who would gladly co-operate in mission effort with their own denomination.

The Iowa Yearly Meeting has already acted in this matter by pledging assistance towards placing a man in this field.

The Western Association is expected to take final action towards commencing the work immediately. It is important there should be no delay in order to accomplish the most for the denomination, as the more wealthy churches are sending their men to the front as fast as emigration will warrant the outlay. We have thought that the Woman's Missionary Society could do more effective work with less expense, for the present at least, by contributing to the support of the missionary sent out by the Western Association; with the arrangement that work in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society shall be understood as forming an important part of his duties. We think this may prove fruitful of good results, by our supplementing the missionary's work by correspondence, as he shall give us names and circumstances.

We have endeavored in the Minnesota Yearly Meeting to have our Quarterly Meeting presidents look after the mission work within the limits of their own boundaries, with fair success, although the southern part of the state is needing more work than has been given to it, and we now have in view a dear consecrated sister whom we hope to secure for this work both in the southern part of this state, and in Dakota during the coming winter. This would have been done before if we could have found a suitable woman to do the work; for we have not been blind to the pressing need of vigorous measures to offset the spirit of indifference, that from want of Christian influence, and the cares and poverty often incident to pioneer life, is, too frequently, permitted to creep into even a Christian's daily life.

The churches where we have appropriated money for church building (Sioux Falls and Winona) are giving promise of great usefulness, and there is every encouragement that we shall reap dollars for the pennies sown. There have been plenty of calls, both long and urgent, for money for this purpose—but we knew so little of these, and their prospects

for permanency, that your committee have not felt justified in responding to any of them; until, through the advice of Eastern friends, we very recently appropriated fifty dollars to the Courtland Church, Nebraska. Perhaps some of our Eastern sisters wonder that we are so cautious in using the funds appropriated for Western work. There have been several reasons why the appropriation has not been all called for, — but among these *has not been* a want of opportunities for the use of every cent voted us; but the greatest trouble has hitherto been in securing a suitable person who could give her time, as we felt that we could not do more than pay traveling expenses, as in this great country of “magnificent distances,” that is no small item. So we have tried to accomplish by correspondence what would have been done more effectually and quickly by personal labor and contact. We are glad to report so favorable a selection in this difficulty, in the prospect of securing, whenever we need her, the sister before spoken of, and as she has already secured a half-fare ticket on the railroads in the state, the expense will be much lessened.

Again we have not felt justified in appropriating money for *any purpose* where we feared that circumstances were unfavorable to assurances of *permanent* prosperity; for this money seems very sacred to us of the West, representing as it does, both in the East and the West, sacrifices and self-denials that would teach some of us a new meaning to these words, if we could know all the circumstances under which these little sums have come into the treasury of the Lord.

Those who have traveled in the interest of the society have refused to accept their traveling expenses unless they could not raise the money on account of poverty. Thus a good deal of work has been done, with no account of it. But our plans for the coming year, will, we think, call for not only what you in wisdom may give us for work, but large contributions from our Western auxiliaries. When we see how much could be done by consecrated work and effort, it seems so hard that money and men and women are not abundantly ready to carry it forward. But to us the “day is breaking” and the Gospel light is growing brighter over these broad prairies, which speaks of greater light as well, in heathen lands.

MRS. H. C. KEITH.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Oct. 2, 1885.

Tribute to a Home Missionary's Wife.

WHENCE such a change in this wild spot,
The bloom and blessing here?
I asked of one who answered not,
Save with a silent tear;
From other lips came the reply,
"The feet of one we loved passed by."

What meaneth this? I asked my heart,—
Whose were those wondrous feet,
That beauty into bloom should start
Their magic touch to meet?
No answer, save the sweet reply,
"The feet of one we loved passed by."

Here vice was strong in other days,
And guilt lay foul and deep,
And men went down through darkened ways
To death's eternal sleep;
No angel dropped from yonder sky,
But one with loving heart passed by.

God hath his angels — human hands
And sunny hearts have they,
They tread the vale in many lands,
Too oft a saddened way;
But lo! upon their tracks appear
A thousand gems where dropped the tear.

So passed the feet of one we prize,
The gentle and the meek,
Life in the depths of those sweet eyes,
And love upon that cheek;
And many a burdened heart and sore
Bloomed into beauty evermore.

O, that my life like hers might be
A blessing and a crown,
Then, Master, I could answer Thee,
Before the sun went down:
"I've labored in the noon-tide heat
Where angels pass with noiseless feet."

— *In the Home Missionary.*

A SOCIETY was formed last June, at Chicago, for the purpose of giving a thorough education to young men and women desiring to prepare themselves for medical missionary service in pagan lands. This is no sectarian organization, but is designed for the benefit of missionary boards of every Christian denomination.

The Missionary Periodical.

[Extracts from the report of the Editor read at the Annual Meeting, October 8.]

MISSIONARY literature is a recognized and fixed fact, and the missionary periodical is regarded with increasing favor. It is to-day claimed as an agent of no insignificant value in helping forward the world's evangelization. Our own work during these twelve months, coming and going in quick succession, has had its part in lifting humanity toward the infinite loving Father.

There is little change, if any, to note in the manner of conducting the magazine. It has paid its greetings to about four thousand two hundred and fifty subscribers. The Departments have all been fairly well sustained. Our correspondents, the missionaries abroad and teachers at home, have been especially happy in bringing incident and illustration, as well as instruction to the readers. The Home Workers are gradually getting beyond the descriptive outline of their work. Encouragement and stimulus have no doubt come from the views each worker catches of the methods and plans as here described. It is our hope, however, that these pages can be made to tell for greater value to the work. A few contributed articles, several by gentlemen, have been of especial value. Attention has been given to make the selections helpful and stimulating; not alone to the one phase of the Christian work of missions, but to broader thought and deeper heart-life.

Illustrations which make any work more attractive have been but few, because we have not been able to command the time to select them with care, or to secure writers to describe or apply them, but more especially because of limited funds to thus appropriate. We have often felt that a department of Mission Study, if well conducted, would be of much practical benefit to members of the auxiliaries. Miss Bachelier's hope to keep up the Exercise for Children's Meetings seems shorn of accomplishment. The Question-Box stands invitingly open, but empty much of the time, waiting for opportunity to be helpful. The Children's Niche has received careful attention. A fact to be mentioned is that the *HELPER* has come to be considered a valuable medium for advertisers. . . . A revenue is in well conducted advertising. There has been much pains-taking

effort, as usual, to make the expenses in every reasonable way as small as possible. That the subscribers are less in number than last year is a fact, but not a discouraging one when considered in the light of the continued and oppressive business depression.

But this publication needs not to be defended or commended after these years of its existence. It carries its own recommendation in its pages, and is among the household treasures in more than one family. The invisible bond between the editor and these homes is every day felt by her to be a real one; sacred as that which binds hearts that are united in loving service for the uplifting of humanity and the spread of words of life and truth. We have sometimes wondered in our hours of need why the editorial committee appointed in the first days, so soon fell out by the way, or if they have been sleeping during the passing of the events attending the onward march of Christ's kingdom. Their aid, and comfort, and wisdom, have been missed. We would ask if a limited number of editorial contributors cannot be again appointed.

We must refer to the growth which is apparent among the women of our denomination, and think it not objectionable to say that the *HELPER* has been a factor in this development. It has certainly done much to unify interest, to enlarge effort, to increase opportunity, to deepen heart consecration. We bespeak that the most candid consideration may be given to its management, and trust that through united, devoted, consecrated interest and care, its future may be one worthy of us, women of this day, who are hearing God's voice speaking unto us, and who are obedient to the truth revealed through His great love.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. BREWSTER.

CORRECTION.—In the extract from Dr. Thoburn's "Missionary Apprenticeship," on page 323, of last month's issue, the word "hesitate" should be inserted before "disparage," near the last line.

"THIS is a day of action rather than feeling; the age of consecrated money power; a golden age of opportunity, of privilege of giving; when 'to be living is sublime.'"

The Outlook.

[BY MISS L. A. DEMERITTE.]

HARMONY of feeling and a deep interest in the work characterized the annual meeting of the Woman's Society which was held in Providence in October. It was a hopeful sign, too, that many felt we should take advanced positions; indeed, a society can grow in no other way. Going forward is the only preventative of decay and death. It was also apparent that going forward meant to the women present a broadening of the home work, especially. And, if we do not develop, how can we expect heathen women to increase in knowledge? This view of the case ought to inspire every one of us with a desire to do our best. The fields are whitening all around us and let us be among the advance guard to gather in the harvest.

The calls for the coming year are very imperative in India, at Harper's Ferry and for the Western work, so that the appropriations are largely increased. This means more money from the auxiliaries and from sources unused to giving in this direction.

And so will we not rally all along the line — increase our working forces in the local societies, make them more interesting and instructive, form societies in churches where none now exist, and bring to the work more of the enthusiasm of children and young people. Also, the *HELPER* ought to be more widely circulated.

We cannot place too much emphasis upon regular and interesting meetings of auxiliaries and children's bands. They are the backbone of the work, and every judicious means should be used in order that they may be wide-awake societies. If any one has practical suggestions about making them instructive, entertaining, etc., please send them to Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, North Berwick, Me., our Eastern Home Secretary, as she wishes to get all the helps she can in this direction.

If we could only realize within ourselves that this organization means something more than dollars and cents; that it stands for its principles—the proper development of the child-life, the growth of woman's character and the strengthening of the church—what an inspiration it would be for us *to throw ourselves* into the work, and consecration will reveal the way and means necessary for true success.

Next year the annual meeting will be in connection with the General Conference, which will be held in Ohio. Eastern and Western women will once again join hands. We can but feel the outlook is a more hopeful one than it was two years ago when they met together in Minnesota; but it is within our power the coming year to make it brighter than it is to-day. Will we not also consecrate ourselves to the Master's purposes with us this year, that it will be the most eventful one in all our history thus far? So may we consecrate ourselves that the *overshadowing presence of God may be felt in our midst.*

DOVER, N. H.

Christmas Cheer to the Members of the Quilting Army.

DEAR SISTERS: This is about the time, when chiefs of departments render reports; and since our dear Mrs. Brewster has pronounced me "chief" of the Quilting Army, I feel that a report is in order. Well then, if cheering news and words of encouragement will make your Christmas yet more "merry," I am sure what I shall have to report will bring it about.

We have every reason to thank God for the success that has attended our efforts thus far; and although a larger number of names might be on our roll, yet the beginning is quite satisfactory. Some twenty-five names have been sent in during these eight months of our existence, and each stands pledged for two quilts or five dollars. Before our first year is ended, all will, no doubt, have redeemed their pledges, and our India treasury will be the richer on account of it. Names are coming in from all parts of the country, and inquiries are being answered which will result in adding soldiers to our army. Especially encouraging are the letters that reach me from dear aged sisters in the Lord — grand-mamas — who, anxious still to be useful, find a most welcome field open to them in the "Quilting Army."

Writes Grandma Almira Sawyer from Carpenteria, Santa Barbara Co., Cal.:

"I am an old grandma, in my ninety-second year, mind, strength, and faculty most gone, but can do a little yet, for

which I am thankful. I saw that you had formed a Quilting Army. I had commenced a log-cabin quilt, not knowing what I should do with it, but wanted to do good with it. Now if you think it advisable, I will send it to your Quilting Army to be sold for the cause of missions."

Was it advisable? Indeed, yes! and so dear grandma sent the quilt all the way by mail, and a beautiful piece of workmanship it is, containing over 4,000 pieces, and Sister Addison Jones, of Chester, is about to purchase it so soon as the finishing touches are completed.

From Deanville, Armstrong Co., Penn., comes a letter from Grandma Lydia Shoemaker, aged eighty years, in which she says :

"I love to work for my dear Lord and Master, though it is but little I can do. I am old and frail ; I did not feel able to do sewing of any account for several years, till I read in the *HELPER* and the *Star* about the Quilting Army. So I thought perhaps I could do a little in *that line* in the way of piecing, and two kind sisters have done the quilting for me, and now we think of sending them to you by express. It will cheer me to get a letter from you again, my dear sister."

Thank you, dear Grandmama Shoemaker, send it along, and we will do our best to sell it for you and you will find the proceeds of it acknowledged in the *HELPER*. Yes, God bless and reward you all, and may your example be followed by all the dear aged ones in the land. But our young sisters are also enlisted. Read what a young Sabbath School teacher writes from Brooklyn ; it has the true ring of earnest zeal and work :

"In reading in the June number of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* 'Who will join the Quilting Army?' I felt as though I would like to join. I have a class of six young girls in Sunday School, and would like to get them interested in missionary work. I would like directions, how to form a quilting society.

Alice Andrews."

Now right here permit me to answer the objection advanced in an article in the *Free Baptist* of July 15, 1885, entitled "Missionary Quilts." The sister asks, speaking of keeping up a live interest in mission societies, and alluding to the "Quilting Army": "But cannot this be done without the extra organization, etc.? . . . Would not an additional organization add to their perplexity?"

Yankee-like I will answer by asking another question: Do Grandmamas Sawyer and Shoemaker feel any additional perplexities? Do the little Sabbath School scholars of Miss Andrews feel it? Would it not seem as if the "Quilting Army" were to them just the organization they want? Oh, let us open all the channels of usefulness we can, and let them all lead to the glorious "mark for the prize." Room enough for all. "The word of God is not bound," neither are works of faith!

On a flying visit to the Harmony, O., Quarterly Meeting, lately, I found all the churches there alive with Quilting Army soldiers. In Broadway, are Sisters Mina Baldwin, N. Welsh, and W. H. Goff, and others. In Newton, are Caroline Timmons, Sarah and Jenny Higgins, J. W. Lockwood, Eva Lockwood, and others. In Union, Emma Skidmore, I. Dally, and others; and in East Liberty and Marmon Valley, all the sisters (too numerous to mention here), were vieing each with the other who should do the most.

The same spirit is manifested at other stations. In our Portage and Geauga Quarterly Meetings, the sisters at Chester and Auburn are enthusiastically at work, and the little girls' sewing society here is almost ready to report their pledge paid.

I thank God for the opportunities, the privileges, He sends to us to do good. I wish we were all more ready and willing to improve them.

Send in your names and pledges. Send on your subscriptions to our dear HELPER and to the *Star*, and to the *Free Baptist*! Send to Mrs. Brewster for the August number of the HELPER for directions. And now, with the time-honored wish, "A merry Christmas to you all,"

I remain ever yours for Christ,

AUBURN, OHIO.

MRS. F. W. REEDER.

What book of 350 pages can be bought for 50 cents? A subscriber to the HELPER gets 416, including the reports.

Topic for Monthly Meeting.

"AND this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."—Matt. 24, 14.

For the Young People.

The Lost Mite-Box.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.



CHRISTMAS EVE had come once more. All day long the snow had been falling, until now the earth was covered with a mantle of white "and the trees looked like white, corals, like blooming almond branches." Dorothy Grey and her friend Nellie Stowe were hurrying homeward in the twilight, their arms full of Christmas gifts.

"What a delightful Christmas Eve! I'm so glad it snowed. I don't half enjoy Christmas without snow," said Dorothy.

"Yes, it makes it ever so much pleasanter, and the decorations in the church will look prettier than ever by contrast with the snow outside," answered Nellie.

"Didn't we have a good missionary meeting this afternoon?" she continued, "and aren't these dear little mite-boxes?"

On top of their numerous packages each girl carried a little pink paper box (the mite-boxes referred to by Nellie), which had been given them by the president of their mission band at their meeting in the afternoon. As she distributed them she said that as their next meeting would be the beginning of the new year they would try raising money by the mite-boxes instead of entertainments, as they had done heretofore. Each member was to drop into her box during the year as much as she felt able and willing to give, not hesitating even if it required some sacrifice on the part of the giver; and at the end of the year they would bring "all their tithes into the storehouse," and she hoped not one box would come back empty. She also suggested that as the next day was Christmas, the birthday of the Saviour, whose last great command they as a little society were trying to obey, each one should

drop into her box in the morning a Christmas offering to Him. The members of the band were very much pleased with the new plan, and each promised to do what she could.

"Oh, look, what a lovely tree!" said Dorothy, and they stopped before a brilliantly-lighted window with many exclamations of delight.

"Oh, Dorothy, it is almost dark," said Nellie, looking around. "We ought not to have stopped;" and away they went through the gathering gloom. But Dorothy had left one of her Christmas gifts behind. While admiring the tree her little pink box had fallen off into the snow, and in her hurry she did not miss it. Not until she had reached her own room, laid aside hat and cloak, spread her gifts upon the bed and called her mother in to admire them, did she find that her precious mite-box was gone.

"Oh, dear! I'm so sorry," she said to her mother. "I don't see how I could have been so careless, and I do want it so much. I saved two dollars this afternoon to put in it as a Christmas gift in the morning, and now my box is gone."

"I'm sorry, too," said her mother; "but it can't be helped now! I hope some one will find it. Perhaps the little box has a mission to accomplish, although we may never hear of it again. You can tell the president of your loss and ask her for another."

"My little mite-box a mission to accomplish! How funny!" said Dorothy. "I wish it had; but no one will ever find it; it will be tramped in the snow and lost; but I will give my money to the president to-morrow and tell her how sorry I am." With this remark she turned to her other gifts, and in admiring them the mite-box was forgotten for the time.

Scarcely were the girls out of sight when a man came plodding along through the snow-drifts; his foot struck something; he glanced down, and seeing a little pink object in his path, stopped and picked it up. "Somebody's Christmas gift; but not of much value I should judge; only a little paper box," he said to himself, and seemed about to drop it in the snow again, but changed his mind and put it in his overcoat pocket instead.

It was rather a cheerless-looking home to which Mr. Ellis, the richest man in the village, came on this Christmas eve. He didn't believe in Christmas festivities; he had not heartily believed in anything except making money, and since his

idolized boy and girl had been taken from him many years before. Shaking the snow from his coat, he left it in the hall and went into the dining-room, where his wife was waiting for him. After tea he went to his overcoat for his evening paper, and there came across the little pink mite-box again. Taking it into the room, he said, "Some child lost one of its Christmas gifts in the snow and I found it; let us see what it is." He held it up, looked at the picture on the side, read the texts, and said, "Some church affair, I suppose. I see it has 'Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church' printed on one side—a new way of begging for foreign missions; quite unique indeed. This must be for the benefit of the young people, for I see 'Young Ladies' Band' written on it." He tossed it carelessly on the table at his side and opened his paper.

After reading awhile he looked up and said to his wife, "By the way, I got a Christmas gift, to-day. Sam Jones came in and paid me a hundred dollars which he borrowed ten years ago; I hadn't the slightest expectation of ever getting one cent of it. He paid it in gold, too," he continued, as he laid twenty gold pieces, five dollars each, upon the table.

"You might put one of them in the little box," suggested Mrs. Ellis, timidly.

"Haven't I told you often enough that I didn't believe in foreign missions? There are heathen enough at our own doors; and didn't I tell those women when they came here begging for money and wanting you to join their society that I didn't believe in their work, and never one cent should they have from me?" As he concluded he brought his hand down on the table with a vigor which made the gold ring, and turned to his paper again.

(To be continued.)

New Organizations.

AUXILIARIES.—Block Island, R. I., Mrs. C. W. Griffin, President.

BAND.—"Young Workers," care of Mrs. Stephen Olney, Olneyville, R. I.

WE regret that the children are deprived of their little corner; but they are promised many good things for next year. We wish every one of them a glad, "merry" Christmas.

Words from Home Workers.

MAINE.

A convention of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at Limerick in connection with the Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday afternoon, November 10. Mrs. L. G. Clark presided; reading of Scriptures, Mrs. R. Burbank. Reports from auxiliary societies were read by the Q. M. secretary. Mrs. Winslow read an essay, subject, "What more can we do?" and Mrs. C. Rand, one, "A Dream." The choir furnished music, and Mrs. Chellis read an essay, "The Love of God"; and Mrs. J. Burnham one, about "Our Missions." Remarks were made by the Rev. T. F. Maxim and Mrs. J. L. Holland.

In the evening a concert was given by our young people, assisted by the "Willing Workers," of East Parsonsfield, closing with "Little Red Box," by Jessie Richards. Then an address concerning foreign missions, by Rev. C. E. Tedford, followed. Closed with "Coronation."

On Wednesday, the following Q. M. officers were re-elected: Mrs. L. G. Clark, president; Mrs. J. H. Brown, secretary; Mrs. L. G. Richards, treasurer. This Q. M. society have raised for Foreign Missions during the past year, \$101.23. The interest in mission work is increasing, and we hope to do more the year to come than ever before. Mrs. Hills' book, *Reminiscences*, is being introduced throughout this Q. M. by Mrs. Clark, and we hope all who possibly can do so, will secure this valuable work.

Q. M. SECRETARY.

RHODE ISLAND.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Rhode Island district was held October 28, at the Arlington Church.

The executive committee (which is composed of a representative from each auxiliary, band, and church where no auxiliary exists), met for business at 10.30 A. M. The annual reports of the treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Andrews, and corresponding secretary, Miss Ella Evans, were complete and comprehensive, showing a general increase in interest. While the business depression of the past year has affected to a considerable extent many of our churches, so that the full amount coming into the treasury has not exceeded that of other years, yet more churches are contributing to woman's work than ever before. The total receipts, including cash in hand at the commencement of the year, were \$901.50; the disbursements, \$897.40.

The reports from auxiliaries and bands were unusually interesting and encouraging. The plan adopted at the last annual meeting for raising an Incidental fund, by asking five cents additional on every dollar contributed, to be divided in the proportion of one-

third for the general society, and two-thirds for work within our district, has been complied with quite generally, and met a long-felt necessity.

The society met at 2.30, P. M., and adopted the report of the executive committee, recommending the sum of \$1,000 as the "basis of work" for the coming year, divided as follows: Miss Hattie P. Phillips' support, \$500.00; Miss Franklin's salary, \$350.00; Miss Ida Phillips' salary (15 shares), \$75.00; Ragged Schools, \$25.00; general fund, \$25.00; zenana work, \$25.00; total, \$1,000.00.

The officers elected for the year were, president, Mrs. L. Dexter, Blackstone, Mass.; recording secretary, Mrs. J. T. Ward, Providence; corresponding secretary, Miss Ella Evans, Providence; treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Andrews, Providence; committee on conventions, Miss L. Rumery, Miss A. F. Bowen, Miss A. Waterman. Mrs. M. M. Brewster was re-elected chairman of the executive committee.

The intervals between the sessions were spent socially around the bountifully spread tables, which the ladies of the church had carefully prepared for our entertainment.

The evening session was devoted to addresses and papers. The annual letter from Miss Franklin, of Harper's Ferry, in whom we have learned to feel a deep interest, not merely for her work's sake, but for her personal worth, was read by Mrs. C. S. Frost, of Pawtucket. A paper, prepared for this occasion and presented by Miss Ella Evans, entitled, "Woman's Indebtedness to Christ," was listened to with marked attention and warmly commended. Mrs. J. L. Phillips was present and addressed the meeting. Those interested in this branch of the Master's work feel that we are greatly favored in having Mrs. Phillips at so many of our gatherings, and our prayer is that she may speedily be restored to health again, and be to the cause what her soul delights in, an active laborer in the vineyard.

The ladies separated feeling that the day had been pleasantly spent in work for the Master, and approved by Him.

Mrs. J. T. WARD, *Recording Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

The Genessee Quarterly Meeting Woman's Missionary Society held its October session with the Flint River Church. The exercises commenced with singing, "O, Reapers of Life's Harvest," and Scripture reading by Mrs. Rose. Father Currier offered prayer. Then came reading the minutes of the last meeting, and the reports from six auxiliaries and verbal reports from three. Nellie Matthews read a selection, "Denial for Christ," and Liza Mills a letter from a converted heathen woman.

The Rev. Bro. Hulse made excellent remarks, and the Rev. Bro. Howard gave us some very good suggestions about carrying on our work. The collection was \$7.13, making the amount raised during the quarter, \$49.75. We sang "Over the Ocean Wave," and went out to do our part to send the gospel to the needy.

MRS. E. N. WHEELER, *Secretary.*

ONTARIO.

A very pleasant and profitable meeting was held at Iona, October 10, by the Woman's Missionary Society, in connection with the Free Baptist Quarterly Association. A programme full of good things was well carried out. There was a missionary dialogue, a sketch of the "Life of Dr. Judson," and remarks helpful and encouraging by the brethren.

Since our last meeting quite a number of names have been added, and the interest among our sisters seems to be growing.

At our last business meeting it was resolved that one-third of the funds should be used for foreign missions, and two-thirds for home missions. Ten dollars were voted towards the building of a parsonage in Iona; ten for the benefit of the Bloomsburg Church, and ten towards the support of a native preacher in India.

MARY H. CLARKE, *Secretary.*

Contributions.

RECEIPTS FROM OCTOBER 1, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1885.

MAINE.

Atkinson, Auxiliary.. . . .	\$4 60
Atkinson, Mrs. E. B. Page	2 75
Bangor, Auxiliary.....	5 00
Bradford, Auxiliary.....	2 00
Charleston, Auxiliary.....	1 80
Cumberland, Q. M., Auxiliary..	11 53
Dover and Foxcroft, Auxiliary...	4 00
Ellsworth, Auxiliary, balance L. M. of Mrs. Thomas Sufkin ..	7 60
Greene, Auxiliary, on salary Miss Coombs and balance L. M. Mrs. S. Royal	8 00
Kenduskeag, Mrs. S. F. Emerson, 50c., and Mrs. J. J. Banks, \$1.	1 50
Lewiston, Main Street, Auxiliary, 27c. Incidental Fund.....	23 67
Maple Grove, "Cheerful Workers," for Mokenee's support.....	25 00
North Lebanon, "Willing Workers," for heathen children....	10 00
North Lebanon, Auxiliary.....	3 25
Penobscot, Y. M. collection.....	11 44
Richmond Village, Auxiliary, for Miss Coombs' salary.....	8 50
Saugerville, First Church.....	2 25
Sebec, Q. M., Auxiliary, and collection.....	14 70
Wells Branch, Auxiliary.....	4 00
West Buxton, Auxiliary.....	7 00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.	
Alton, Mrs. Thompson, one-half each H. M. and F. M.....	2 00
Acton and Milton, Auxiliary, for F. M., towards L. M. Mrs. M. S. Farnham.....	4 00

Dover, Auxiliary, Washington St. Church, \$12.00 H. M.; also L. M. of Miss Carrie Hall...	33 69
Northwood Ridge, Mrs. C. K. Bean, for Bible reader with Mrs. Burkholder	3 00
Pottsville, Young People's Society, for Patna Bazar School, Jellasure	6 25
Rochester, Auxiliary, school at Jellasure and balance L. M. Mrs. E. P. Moulton.....	5 00
Rochester, Mrs. S. R. Hanson, for F. M	3 00
Yarmouth, Auxiliary.....	1 00
Walnut Grove, Auxiliary.....	3 30
West Lebanon, Auxiliary.....	9 00

VERMONT.

Corinth, "Busy Bees," for ze-nana work with Mrs. Smith...	6 00
Sutton, Church, for Mrs. Smith's salary.....	21 00
West Derby, Sunday School, Mrs. Smith's salary.....	7 50

MASSACHUSETTS.

Blackstone, Auxiliary, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$5.00; Miss Franklin's salary, \$3.75.....	8 75
Blackstone, "Busy Bees," Miss Franklin's salary, \$1.25; Miss I. Phillips' salary, \$1.25; and Ragged Schools, \$1.25.....	3 75
Hyde Park, Mrs. M. Cole.....	2 00
Lowell, Auxiliary, Paige Street Church.....	15 49

South Seekonk, Mrs. T. W. Gray,
Miss H. Phillips' support ... 1 00
Taunton, Auxiliary, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$4.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$4.50..... 9 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Arlington, Church, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$2.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$2.50..... 5 00
Auburn, Church, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$1.25; Miss Franklin's salary, \$1.25..... 2 50
Auburn, "Crystal Band," Miss H. Phillips' support..... 2 50
Block Island, Auxiliary, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$2.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$2.50..... 5 00
Carolina, Young People's Society, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$2.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$2.50..... 5 00
Greenville, Auxiliary, Miss H. Phillips' support..... 10 00
Greenville, Sunday School, Primary Department, for Miss H. Phillips' support..... 6 00
Pascoag, Auxiliary, for Miss H. Phillips' support..... 7 50
Pascoag, Young People's Society, Miss Franklin's salary, \$6.00; Miss I. Phillips' salary, \$12.50 18 50
Pawtucket, Auxiliary, Miss H. Phillips' salary, \$6.25; Miss Franklin's salary, \$6.25..... 12 50
Pawtucket, "Little Workers," Miss I. Phillips' salary, \$1.25; Ragged Schools, \$1.25..... 2 50
Providence, Young People's Society, Roger Williams Church, Miss H. Phillips' salary, \$2.35; Miss Franklin's salary, \$22.65 25 00
Providence, Mrs. J. L. Tourtellot, for Miss Franklin's salary ... 5 00
Providence, A Friend, Miss Franklin's salary..... 1 00
Providence, Mrs. Bisbee's school, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$2.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$2.50..... 5 00
Tiverton, Church, Miss H. Phillips' support..... 5 00
Warwick Central, Church, Miss H. Phillips' support, \$2.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$2.50 5 00
Churches, Rhode Island District, for Incidental Fund..... 1 83

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN RHODE ISLAND.

Association, Auxiliary, zenana teacher in India..... 25 00

NEW YORK.

New York, "Willing Workers," Miss H. Phillips' support, \$12.50; Miss Franklin's salary, \$12.50..... 25 00

OHIO.

East Liberty, Church, branch of Quilting Army..... 5 00

ILLINOIS.

Prairie City, Auxiliary, for Julia, at Midnapore..... 6 25

MICHIGAN.

Batavia, Auxiliary, F. M..... 3 50
Cass and Berrien, Q. M. Auxiliary..... 7 00
Cook's Prairie, "Cheerful Workers," for Miss I. Phillips' salary..... 5 00
Cook's Prairie, Mrs. Blake, for western department of work..... 1 00
Porter, Auxiliary, for F. M., towards L. M. Mrs. Caroline Eby, of Union..... 5 00

MINNESOTA.

Champlin, Sunday School, for Miss I. Phillips' salary..... 5 00
Crystal Lake, Auxiliary, for Y. M. Mission work..... 11 00
Crystal Lake, Auxiliary, for Russell Memorial School, with Miss Coombs..... 10 00
Chain Lake, Q. M., for zenana work..... 2 00
Rolling Green, Church, for zenana work..... 4 00

KANSAS.

Village Creek, Church, for F. M. 10 00

DAKOTA.

Magnolia, Auxiliary, for F. M... 2 76
Sioux Falls, Auxiliary..... 1 00

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Ascot, Mrs. C. M. Bean, .. 50
West Bolton, Church, for Mrs. Smith's salary..... 5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Infant Class, for Poma..... 1 56
Collections at Anniversaries held in Providence, R. I., \$14.26, general work; \$2.12, Incidental Fund..... 16 38

Total.....\$574 10

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Twelfth Annual Meeting.

Minutes.

THE Woman's Missionary Society assembled in informal session in the vestry of the Roger Williams Church, Providence, R. I. on the morning of October 7, at 10 o'clock.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. G. C. Waterman was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. B. Davis.

Mrs. Lowell was appointed a committee to convey to Miss S. Wyman the Society's appreciation of her recent generous donation to its treasury.

The treasurer made a statement as to the difficulty of the receipts appearing in the *Morning Star* up to so late a date as they have previously been published, and it was ordered that they be published the second week in the month.

The Society recommended to the Board that sufficient funds be appropriated from the Incidental Fund, to supply the treasurer with printed postal card receipt blanks.

The following committee of five on Nominations was appointed from the floor: Mrs. G. C. Waterman, New Hampshire; Mrs. M. R. Wade, Maine; Mrs. A. R. Bradbury, Rhode Island; Mrs. J. S. Staples, Vermont; Mrs. L. Fenner, Connecticut.

An interesting discussion ensued the motion that a circular letter, in the interest of the Society, be sent to all the churches by the president and corresponding secretary, but for want of time it was referred to a committee.

Mr. Hill, of New Hampshire, by invitation addressed the Society briefly but most interestingly of his own awakened interest, and of the blessing he experienced in the doing work for foreign missions.

Thursday, A. M.

The annual meeting of the Society convened conformably to call of the secretary, at 10 o'clock, A. M., October 8, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame.

Mrs. Waterman offered prayer. The records of the last annual meeting were approved, as were the minutes of the informal meeting of the preceding day, the action of which was ratified by vote.

The committee on compilation of a manual reported through its chairman, Mrs. V. G. Ramsey.

Mrs. A. R. Bradbury, secretary of the Publication Committee, read the report of the committee which was accepted and referred to the Board of Managers, as were also the reports of the editor and agent of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, presented by Mrs. Brewster.

The secretary read the report from the chairman of the Western Home Mission Committee, which was accepted, and the secretary instructed to send to the committee the appreciative acknowledgements of the Society; it was also ordered that all or a part of the same be read at the anniversary and published in the *HELPER* and *Free Baptist*. Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Lowell were appointed a committee to telegraph the greetings of the Society to the sisters assembled at the Western Association.

The officers were elected and committees appointed for the ensuing year as seen on page 2 of report.

Mrs. A. A. McKinney was elected Assistant Western Home Secretary. The presidents of the Yearly Meeting societies were recognized as vice-presidents of this Society by vote.

Anniversary.

The twelfth anniversary was observed at 2.30 o'clock, at the close of a praise service conducted by Mrs. J. B. Davis. The devotional exercises consisted of singing "The Morning Light is Breaking," by the congregation, and prayer by Mrs. F. H. Peckham.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lowell, was read by Mrs. Davis, and gave many encouraging facts both from our missionaries in India and the teachers at Storer College, as well as such as challenge the inquiry whether we are doing all we can and ought.

Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, the home secretary, reported briefly from her fuller report that the interest is increasing, and significantly said, "If a membership of two thousand raise between four and five thousand dollars, what might our forty thousand women do were they all interested?"

Miss Wood, of Lewiston, Me., read the report of the work in the West, which showed for the two years' labor in this direction most valuable results, which call for and encourage a larger work in this portion of the field.

Miss DeMeritte, the treasurer, presented her report, and

made it emphatic that the only way in which the year's obligations were met was by special individual effort.

A brief paper by Mrs. McKinney, of Minnesota, on "Mission Work in the West," was read by Mrs. Waterman.

Mrs. J. L. Phillips was then introduced and spoke interestingly of the work, the homes of the missionaries and everyday life among them, but most impressively of the present obligations upon us, opening and concluding her address with the admonitive appeal "Find the men and women to save your harvest, and find them now." The services closed with the benediction.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Society re-assembled in the vestry. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Griffin, of New Shoreham.

The committee on methods of systematizing and advancing the work among the churches reported having waited upon Miss DeMeritte, requesting her to visit Quarterly Meetings for this purpose, and wished to present her communication for consideration by the Society. The propositions included so commended themselves, that the communication was cordially accepted and Miss DeMeritte encouraged to prosecute this work in the manner set forth in the communication, under direction of the following committee: Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Peckham.

The reports were ordered to be printed as a supplement to the *HELPER* in the usual way. A question of change in time of holding the annual meeting was referred to a committee, to report at the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Hills offered a resolution of thanks to the publisher of *Missionary Reminiscences* for the very satisfactory manner in which she has brought out the book, evidently involving on her part much patient care, and untiring labor; also to the Publication Committee for the counsel and aid they have rendered in consummating the work.

A resolution was also presented that we express by a rising vote, our grateful appreciation of Mrs. Hills' labors as author of the same, and thereby pledge ourselves to act as agents for the sale of the work. This was unanimously responded to. The session then adjourned.

A. B. TOURTELLOT,

Recording Secretary.

Report of Foreign Secretary.

INDIA.

MIDNAPORE — MISS COOMBS' REPORT.

"A YEAR ago! where were we? Yes! I was boarding with Mrs. Griffin, and looking after the Industrial school, and the woman's department of the Bible school, and it was about that time that Dr. Phillips had to go off for a sea trip, and Miss Millar and I took up our abode in his house for two months. Being then close to the Industrial school I could look after it more faithfully. It was during the month of September, that, for two weeks, it reached its highest daily average number, nearly one hundred. Then came the great heathen festival, when every one must take a vacation, and I went down to Santipore. From thence I went to Patna, for a few days, then back again to Midnapore, the first of November, full of plans for work during the cold season. In a few days after my return, however, I came down with fever and was laid aside for six weeks. The last two of these were spent at Bhimpore where I went to Yearly Meeting, and stopped awhile to recruit. Coming back to Midnapore, after helping to distribute the Christmas gifts, I went with Dr. Phillips and Miss Millar, for my first cold season trip. This was the first taste of what I had pictured missionary work to be.

"Since that time I have been trying to carry on the zenana work Mrs. Griffin left, as Mrs. George has the care of the Industrial, and a native preacher the woman's department of the Bible school. Now Miss Millar has left, the looking after the Ragged schools, in part, comes to me. One of the graduating Bible school students has the examining of them, but there are many general affairs to be looked after which cannot be done by the Inspector, such as supplying them with teachers, giving rewards, paying the teachers, etc.

"The school for the daughters of native gentlemen, of which I am superintendent and treasurer, is prospering. It is held in a central place, has an English young lady for teacher, and numbers fourteen, with a prospect of more. Several native gentlemen have contributed towards this, and I am hoping much from its influence.

"The Bible class for English-speaking young men is now held in a room in the bazar, and as I wished to be at our church Sabbath school at that time, Mr. George has the care of it. The oldest pupil in that class is a Mohammedan, and wishes to be a Christian, though lacking courage to declare it publicly.

"We have a Temperance Society, meeting once a month, of which I am president. I have a children's meeting every Wednesday afternoon, a pleasant feature of which is their offerings of pice or shell,—(the latter answers for currency). The design is to get them in the habit of giving.

"The appropriation for zenana work by the Woman's Society is a great help and the work would have to be materially lessened if we did not receive it. The monthly expenses are somewhat over a hundred rupees. To meet these expenses we have forty rupees and more from the Woman's Society, fifty from Government, something from the English station people, and a little in the way of fees. The appropriations for Ragged schools also are more than swallowed up in paying the teachers."

JELLASORE — THE GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Smith writes: "There have been no removals from the Orphanage this year, and the general health of the inmates has been better than for several previous years. The girls are becoming more self-reliant, and in the domestic work of the school, require less watching than formerly, but any relaxing of vigilance in the discipline is almost sure to bring evil consequences.

"The Industrial school comprises all the children of the Orphanage old enough to work, children from the Christian community, and heathen girls who attend the day school. An assistant, Mrs. Martyn, from Saidpur, has been engaged to help in this department, and we have found her services a great blessing. Those connected with the Industrial now number forty-seven, and their time during school hours, is divided between study and work.

"The day school has increased in numbers but slightly, but in efficiency, a good deal. There are four teachers employed in it. It comprises classes in the middle vernacular, upper primary, and three lower classes, besides a normal training class. From the middle vernacular, upper

primary, lower primary, and the normal training classes, pupils were sent up to the government examination. All passed the required standard, except one. Ten out of eleven speaks well for the faithfulness of the teachers, but the most credit is due the head pundit. He labors most untiringly for those under his instruction. Religious instruction is given daily in the school.

"The other village schools are four in number, including a zenana school. This last is taught in the house of a Mohammedan. The three, exclusive of this, have, on an average, about twenty pupils each, and small sums are paid by several of the natives for them. Our resources are, at times, sadly taxed trying to cultivate a spirit of self-help among the parents of these little girls, but when their education is a matter of so much indifference, their progress must be slow; still we have met, this year, with more encouragement than ever before.

"We are greatly indebted to our friends at home for their almost invaluable aid in supplying us with materials for the working department. Living as we do, remote from any large centre of trade, we should otherwise be often wanting for thread, needles, thimbles, etc., to supply some hundreds. The scraps of print came in most opportunely.

"The Sabbath School has had an increase of about thirty, since the last of March. One of the girls who passed the middle vernacular examination, the highest now passed in the school, has been sent to Calcutta to a school of higher grade than any in Orissa for girls, and we trust she may, some day, not far distant, be prepared to take an advanced stand as teacher in girls' schools. The other, I have given a position as teacher in the Mission day school from which she graduated. Another girl, who passed a lower standard, is helping me in the Orphanage, and I hope will, this year, be able to pay all her expenses.

"Two more outside schools have been commenced, and all seem doing remarkably well. One of the Bible women attends to the Bible lessons, or sees that the teachers are faithful in this respect. I could commence more schools in very desirable places, but have no spare funds at present. An English teacher has been added to the day school here, to assist those who desire to study our language, and the salary is paid, by fees and local subscription.

"It would be impossible for me to tell of the thousand ways in which my time is taken up, but I am trying to give each duty its appropriate place. This is often difficult, for there are *so few hours in the day, and so many things to do.*"

BALASORE — ZENANA WORK.

Miss Hattie Phillips reports: "There has been a slight increase in the number of pupils taught during the year, but the difficulty of obtaining suitable teachers still keeps the number much lower than we would gladly make it. The opening of my sister's school, which combined three of the old ones, liberates one or two teachers who will be available for zenana work.

"The teachers frequently report that there are numbers wishing to be taught, who hold back on account of the fees. I make it a rule that this shall never shut out any one really unable to pay. But when a person in comfortable circumstances prefers doing without lessons to paying the trifling sum of two and one-half cents a month for them, I take it as a fair proof that the thirst for knowledge is not very great. There is another thing it is but fair should be known. I do not think we can expect our workers at home intelligently to appreciate our difficulties, if we persistently present only the bright side of our work.

"You often hear of calls to open new work here and there;—of the heathen pleading for a teacher. This is all quite true, but, as a rule, is only a part of the truth. They do want a teacher, but why? Rarely is it because they are hungering for the Word of Life. Many want our teachers that their children may be taught at a less expense. They want their women taught fancy work, and, since female education is constantly growing in favor, their wives and daughters taught to read. Now and then a woman is candid enough to say plainly, 'I want to learn, so I can read our Hindu Shastras.' . . . You will see from this, how important it is that we should have at our disposal a library, containing a good number of simple but attractive and healthful books. Mrs. Griffin has been collecting what there is that is available, and I hope soon to get such of my pupils as are able to read into the way of using from this library.

"A call to teach, whatever be the motive prompting it, is,

of course, gladly seized as a fresh field for our sowing, but it is unknown ground. It may prove to be the exposed wayside, or a thorny or stony spot that will yield no fruit, and it *may* prove fertile and productive. But when it occurs, as it does sometimes, that a call says, 'I want especially that you should teach my wife morals and religion,' then I go with stronger hope. May God hasten the day when such calls shall be greatly multiplied.

"And now, a word as to one or two items in my financial report. 'Locomotion' means men and bullocks for propelling conveyances. One item you will notice is 'Cash for School in Santipore.' My sister Nellie has been so very hard pushed for funds to carry on her work, that I made over to her the sum recorded, thinking that you would regard it as a perfectly legitimate use of the funds.

"By the action of our committee, a request was made, a few months since, for an additional appropriation of \$50 for Balasore zenana work, and a little later, a similar request was made for Santipore. I regard Santipore the more needy of the two, and decidedly prefer it should take the precedence, if only one can be aided."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BALASORE ZENANA DEPARTMENT—MONEYS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM JUNE 30, 1884, TO JUNE 30, 1885.

DR.	Rs.	A.	P.	CR.	Rs.	A.	P.
To bal. due July 1, 1884....	11	5	6	By Gov't grant in aid.....	300		
" Cash pd. teachers	486	3	3	" Woman's Society.....	246		
" " " " for locomotion ..	117			" Local subscriptions.....	161		
" " " " conveyance.....	90			" Fees from pupils.....	46	9	
" " " " school in Santipore ..	35			" Special contributions.....	43	12	
" " " " garry house.....	28	11		" Sale of wool, etc.	10	7	9
" " " " "Chicago" school room	20	5	3				
" " " " prizes.....	3	4	6				
" " " " wool, etc.....	3	10					
" Incidentals.....	5	11	6				
" Balance on hand.....	6	9	9				
	807	12	6		807	12	9

BALASORE—GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

Miss Ida Phillips writes: "Work has gone steadily forward. Some of the teachers have decidedly improved in their methods, and show correspondingly better results.

The number of pupils in the Hindu girls' schools has increased, so that we now have more than ever before. The prize-giving last year has produced a good effect in the way of making the children more regular in their attendance.

"I wish to thank friends most heartily for dolls, pictures, bags, scissors, thimbles, thread, and bright-colored calicoes, which have come this year, and will help to make the prize-giving, which I hope to hold in another month, less of a tax upon our working fund, and less burdensome to those of us whose duty it is to prepare the gifts.

"At the annual prize-giving held the last of April, the attendance and interest were very good. Quite a number of European friends were present, but what pleased me still more, there were present a larger number of native gentlemen than usual on such an occasion. Several of these had contributed generously for the purchase of prizes. One, the wealthiest man in the place, gave ten rupees for general prizes, and promised twenty more for special prizes to the four or five, who, during the year, should stand first in conduct and scholarship. He had given the same amount last year for this purpose, which was distributed this year. He also gave me twenty-five rupees to help furnish the new school-house.

"His brother gave me a silver medal to be awarded next year, to the girl who should pass the middle vernacular examination, a higher grade than any of our girls have yet attempted.

"Mr. Barrow, for a short time our collector, took a decided interest in our work. He examined several of my schools, and expressed himself well pleased with the amount of work in progress. By application to the municipality I have obtained a grant of six rupees per month, which, though small, will help to meet our unavoidable increase in expenditure.

"Eight pupils from the primary girls' schools for Hindu children, and three from the Christian girls' upper primary school, have completed their course of study, and passed their examination.

"The new school-house, for the building of which I received aid both from home and government, is at length finished, and is, with its ample, airy, light rooms and

verandas, a great source of satisfaction. The entire cost was about three hundred rupees, or, as the exchange now is, \$120. Three schools were combined to form this one, comprising ninety-one pupils, and a good many new pupils have also been brought in, and we hope, before another month, the number will increase to a hundred. The new house is to be used on Sundays for a Sabbath School.

"About a month since, I began a little new work for women of the laboring class, who do not attempt to learn to read. There are two places which I visit regularly in the mornings. From six to twelve women gather in each place, and I tell, in language the most simple, the stories of the creation, the fall, the hope given of a future Saviour, and then of the birth of Jesus, his life and work. In one of the places, particularly, the women listen with very marked attention, and talk thoughtfully of what they hear.

"It is very gratifying to find that our teachers are able to take good positions among strangers. One of them, whose husband was in service some thirty-five miles from here, was obliged, much to my regret, to leave and go to him, and has there been employed in the girls' school under government. She writes to me frequently of the progress her pupils are making, and how willing they are to hear of God and his Word. She has sold quite a number of Bible catechisms among the children and their friends."

STATISTICS FOR HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

Teachers, Christian.....	5
" Hindu.....	5
Pupils.....	20
School-houses.....	4

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

Teachers....	2
Pupils.....	48

BHIMPORE.

Mrs. Burkholder says: "During the year, we have had thirty-four girls in the school, and thirty-seven small boys who are allowed to attend with the girls before they are prepared to enter the training school. While on a visit to one of our small churches, I was greatly pleased to find that the women sustained regularly the Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting. During our stay with them, we met every evening for a short service, which was held out of doors in the bright moonlight. Each day, our Christian girls and women visited the villages within reach of camp, where

they were heartily welcomed by the people, who gladly listened to their singing and talking of the true way. Before leaving, I engaged two of the women as Bible readers. Their journals sent in at the close of the first month, spoke well of their reception everywhere they had been.

"During this month, (August), all the people are busy with their cultivation, which keeps many of the children at home. Almost every family has either cows, sheep, goats, or a baby to be cared for, so every child finds plenty of work at home. We, however, have pupils enough to keep three teachers busy in my department of the school.

"Just now, we are anxiously waiting to see whether government will renew our grant, which has to be renewed every five years. Our monthly allowance of 255 rupees, if stopped, would greatly cripple our work.

"We now employ five women. One has charge of the Industrial department of the girls' school, and the others go out into the village as Bible readers. The money received from the Woman's Society, is used in part for these women, and the rest for the school. We are very grateful for this continued assistance, and only hope it may be returned with a high rate of interest.

"The seed-sowing time will not be over for many years to come, but we are sure of a rich harvest."

MRS. T. W. BURKHOLDER IN ACCOUNT WITH WOMAN'S SOCIETY, U. S. A.

		DR			CR.		
		Rs.	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P.
1884.							
Oct. 3	To Cash received from Treasurer,	98	12	0			
1885.							
Jan. 1	" " " "	100	6	8			
April 1	" " " "	102	11	4			
July 17	" " " "	102	9	9			
1885.							
Aug. 12	By Cash paid for Head Pundit, one year,				72	0	0
" "	" " " 25 Pundits, "				60	0	0
" "	" " " 35 " "				18	0	0
" "	Cash paid Teacher of Industrial,				18	0	0
" "	" " " "				12	0	0
" "	Cash paid Tārā Evangelistic work,				9	0	0
" "	" " Mallika " "				18	0	0
" "	" " Chita " "				18	0	0
" "	" " Carrie " "				13	8	0
" "	" " Sarah " "				1	8	0
" "	" Support of Children in School,				164	7	9
		404	7	9	404	7	9

STORER COLLEGE, HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA —
DEMAND FOR INSTRUCTION.

Mrs. Brackett writes: "The last year at Harper's Ferry has been one of pleasant, hope inspiring work, one we enjoy thinking upon, and yet so similar to those that have preceded it, and already been reported, that it is very difficult to say anything fresh or new concerning it. How thankful the girls are, particularly those from the country,—always the most hopeful class,—for so convenient an arrangement as is furnished for cooking their provisions, has been told many times. How eager some of them are to improve in the use of the needle, is well understood. It is also well known that those who are not interested need still more of patient and exhausting labor from teachers.

"The demand for instruction, which, except for short periods, has never been adequately met, becomes more and more urgent, and embraces other industries, already taught at Howard University and many other schools for colored people. How this demand for Industrial training is to be met, is the important question demanding the attention of every one interested in the work at Harper's Ferry."

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION DEMANDED.

Mrs. Lightner reports: "Our work goes steadily onward, blessings and cares increasing in equal proportion. We *must* go forward. The demand for an Industrial department is more imperative than ever.

"Is there something I can do to help pay my expenses," is an oft-repeated question in letters of inquiry received by us. A letter from Kansas, written in behalf of two girls, is before me. It says, 'One works her board with me, and takes in washing, saving from four to five dollars per week. The other, in a family, earns three dollars per week. Their expenses must be large. Can they find work to assist in paying their expenses?' How can this letter be satisfactorily answered?

"Not long since, I had a pleasant call from a colored person who is superintending a flourishing business in Washington. Among other things she said, 'You might take contracts for making under clothing, teach dressmaking by system, etc.' This lady is a graduate of Howard Univer-

sity. She teaches in a primary grade three hours per day, being assisted in the store by a sister. She made no complaint of social ostracism,— I believe skilled labor has never been ostracised,— and seemed happy that she had been able to assist others in finding remunerative employment where taste and skill are needed.

“ If I have first spoken of Industrial training, it is not because I would detract from the importance of the literary. Our anniversary exercises were really ahead of any previous year. We point with pride to our army of teachers in the field, many of whom are continuing their studies.

“ The library has been remembered by some of our friends. In the barrels sent, we have found Sabbath School papers, magazines, and choice books. We also received twenty-five new books, a Christmas present from A. C. Stamm, Esq., of Harrisburg, Penn., and recently, some magazines from the same source.

“ There has been received nine bound volumes, and several pamphlets, published by the Department of State, through the influence of Mr. J. H. Butler, one of the summer visitors.

“ I have tried to show what remains to be done, rather than what has been accomplished. Will not the heads and hearts of the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, devise the means by which we can be put in a way to help ourselves, which is always the noblest charity?”

AIDS TO EDUCATION.

Miss Franklin says: “ The summer school, which has become an established fact, is largely composed of those who teach from five to eight months of the year. Hence they set a value upon their time, which can scarcely be understood by those who have never been obliged to follow a similar method of obtaining an education. Many of these teachers awaken my deepest sympathy, for have I not gone over the same ground? What an arena is open to them? Struggles more fearful than those of many a Roman gladiator, and victories grander than those of his conquerors, await some of them. Temptations clad in many a guise are in their pathway. They must often combat with the ignorance and superstition of their own race, *always* with the

prejudices of the whites. Varied are the reports that come back to us from these children of Storer. . . .

"Each year, as it goes by, demonstrates more clearly the fact that all possible aids to the education and elevation of the colored people should be persistently and plentifully supplied.

"If to aid in suppressing the great tide of ignorance which threatens to overthrow these states, seems a necessity; if to give the privileges of education and a pure Gospel to a people, long deprived of both, seems true benevolence; if the hundreds of young men and women knocking at the doors of schools and colleges, seeking that knowledge which they, in turn, will extend to the thousands who people the black belt, should be aided, then you do well to give all possible support to Storer College. The good which this institution has accomplished is incalculable. The experience of the past year, which was ahead of any previous year in regard to numbers, which witnessed the conversion of many souls, which gave a fair number in the graduating classes from both departments, would surely prove to the most skeptical that the year's work was not without its good and grand results."

INFERENCES.

The above pen-pictures, sketched by our workers, can necessarily give but a slight idea of the results accomplished in the various fields during the twelve months past.

The lights and shades of each picture have been faithfully drawn, and if in some of them the shadows seem to predominate, we marvel not at this, but rather that there are so many points of light illuminating the surrounding darkness.

The fields are so broad, the workers so few. No wonder that, all along the line, the Macedonian cry is constantly sounding. Over the distant waters the echo comes floating, and our own Western prairies and sunny South-land catch up the refrain—

"Do they come? do they come? We are feeble and wan,
And are passing like shadows away;
But the harvest is white and lo! yonder the dawn—
For laborers, for laborers we pray."

Upon whom rests the responsibility of answering these calls? Is it not an *individual* responsibility?

As we pass the twelfth milestone of our journey as a Society, and look forward into the future, we see that the opportunities for broadening our work are almost boundless. Shall we seize these opportunities, or allow them to slip from our grasp?

"She hath done what she could," was the verdict of the Great Teacher in reference to one who had brought a costly offering to Him she loved. Should each of our Christian women emulate her example, what blessed results would follow. The few, doing double, aye, triple work in our foreign fields, would speedily receive new recruits, and weary brains and overtaxed bodies be allowed to rest.

The no less earnest, self-sacrificing toilers on our Western prairies would be cheered by the assurance that others were aiding in bearing their heavy burdens, and hence would go hopefully on in the grand work of extending the Redeemer's kingdom. And Storer, our own noble Storer, would no longer call in vain for means to increase its efficiency, and make it what it longs to be, an institution where heart, mind, and body shall each receive its appropriate aliment. And not alone on the receivers would the blessing fall. The reflex influence on the givers would be a boon of priceless worth.

"She hath done what she could." Who may measure the significance of such a tribute?

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

At the last annual meeting of the Board, the calls for aid were so pressing that increased appropriations were made. It is a matter of deep thankfulness that not only these appropriations but others made at a more recent meeting, have been fully and timely met. And thus, from the success of the past, we take courage and go forward, in the confident expectation that better things are to follow.

Mrs. J. A. LOWELL.

Reports of Home Secretaries.

[Mrs. V. G. Ramsey for New England.]

AGAIN, as we come to our anniversary, we cast our eyes along the line where the great hosts of good and evil are contending, and inquire, "How goes the battle?" and the answer that comes to us fills our hearts with joy and inspires them with courage. The banner of our King moves steadily forward. There is hard fighting, for the enemy is strong; there is wearisome work, work that tries men's souls, but the victory is certain, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it—"Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; and all nations shall serve Him."

OUR TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

finds us, as a society, still slowly but steadily advancing. We have cause for devout thankfulness to God, who has signally blessed our work and our workers, and has enabled us to execute whatever we have planned.

Death has been busy, and beloved friends and fellow-laborers have fallen. Among these we cannot fail to remember our dear sister, Mrs. Deering, of Portland, Maine, who remembered our work in her latest hours and made it equally with her beloved children, a sharer in the means she had to bestow.

OUR MAGAZINE

has held on its accustomed way, fully sustaining its established position. Its value to our work cannot be estimated, and surely not dispensed with.

The Manual that has been published by order of the Society has been circulated to a reasonable extent; about three hundred copies having been sold. It has been received with favor, and we hope it helps our sisters to understand our plan of work.

BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

Miss Anthony reports: "The work of my department varies but little from year to year. During the last twelve months, one hundred and thirty-one articles have been sent

out, containing over five hundred pages of missionary intelligence, entertainment, instruction, and appeals.

"These essays, dialogues, poems, and incidents have gone forth to auxiliaries in New England, and also in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Dakota, and pleasant, inspiring words of their helpfulness are returned.

"We wish that our auxiliaries more fully realized the Bureau's need of material, and more generally remembered to forward to us whatever they collect and find useful in their missionary meetings."

We would emphasize this last sentence. Let every auxiliary remember that whatever they have found helpful to themselves may be helpful to others, and forward such material to the Bureau.

OUR DISTRICT REPORTS.

We are happy to say that our reports are nearer the standard to which we aspire than they have ever been before. There is still room for improvement, and we believe that when our sisters understand our plan of work, and of reporting, that they will not fail, each in her own place, to do her part, so that our annual report may correctly represent our strength and our resources.

MAINE.

MAINE WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. J. M. REMICK, KNIGHTVILLE; SECRETARY, MRS. JAMES BURNHAM, SOUTH PARSONSVILLE.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Cumberland..	Miss H. A. Deering, 10 Deering Street, Portland.....	25	8	3	158		\$139 36
Otisfield	Mrs. L. R. Barrows, Bolster's Mills	14	5	1	100	14	100 38
Parsonsveld..	Mrs. J. H. Brown, Limerick.	14	6	0	†		97 66
York County.	Mrs. F. C. Bradeen, North Berwick.	15	8	3	171		150 00
	Total.....	68	27	7	428	1	\$487 40

There has been an advance in this Yearly Meeting, and we trust that our work may be much greater in the year to come. With forty-one churches where nothing is being done, we feel the necessity of pushing forward.

MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MISS ANNIE R. WOOD, LEWISTON; SECRETARY, MISS CLARA A. PURINGTON, WEST BOWDOINHAM.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Anson.....	Miss Lydia Ford, Kingsfield.	18	3		23		\$42 11
Bowdoin.....	Miss Fannie E. Fogg, Augusta.....	32	13		191		213 94
Edgecomb...	.....	11					
Farmington...	.....	23	6		75		100 00
Waterville...	.....	14					
	Total.....	98	22		289		\$356 05

These reports do not show all the work done in this Yearly Meeting, but the secretary is hopeful that another year may be an improvement on this year, as this year is on the last, and that patient efforts may at last be rewarded by complete reports; and further than this, they hope to have more to report, as they are resolved to redouble their efforts to form new auxiliaries and to inspire those that exist with greater zeal.

PENOBSCOT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. E. HARDING, ELLSWORTH, SECRETARY, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Aroostook...	Mrs. Addie Childs, Fort Fairfield.....	11	3	2	38	40	\$33 50
Ellsworth....	Mrs. E. Harding, Ellsworth....	18	1	1			35 88
Exeter.....	Mrs. Walker, Newport.....	20	5	4			39 00
Houlton.....	.....	15					
Montville....	.....	15					
Prospect.....	.....	12					
Sebec.....	Mrs. M. R. Wade, Dover.....	14	7	2	55		80 25
	Total.....		16	9	93	40	\$188 63

The secretary says: "All about us are neglected opportunities, unseen talents, and indifference to the great work of evangelizing the world; still, we do feel that, more and more, we all are becoming interested. We have won some victories for the Master in the past year, and are working and praying for larger results."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. B. MESERVEY, NEW HAMPTON; SECRETARY, MRS. J. C. OSGOOD, SOUTH BERWICK, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.	Helpers Taken.
New Durham	Miss Ella Place, Centre Strafford.....	23	5		71		*\$19 65	68
Sandwich....	Mrs. G. O. Wiggin, Bristol....	18	6	4	127	73	24 55	60
Weare.....	Mrs. C. E. Clarke, Sutton.....	13	1	2	†	†	†	†
Rockingham.	Mrs. Minnie Hunt, Danville.....	15	8	3	149	114	313 75	140
Belknap.....	.....	14						
Lisbon.....	.....	10						
Wentworth..	.....	4						
Wolfboro....	.....	12						
	Total.....	109	20	9	347	187	\$597 95	268

† Nothing further reported. * Amount reported.

VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. G. M. PRESCOTT, WATERBURY CENTRE; SECRETARY, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	Amount Raised.
Huntington..	Mrs. G. B. Clifford, Starksboro	12	3	2	†	†	\$78 00
Corinth.....	Miss Alice Sargent, Topsham.	7	5	2	38	†	\$1 80
Strafford ...	Miss Hattie S. Parker, East Randolph.....	3	3	1	†	†	86 00
Stanhed.....	.....	5					65 50
Wheelock....	Mrs. F. Switzer, St. Johnsbury.	18	6	3	†	†	133 00
Enosburg....	.....	5					
	Total.....	50	17	8	38		\$44 30

† No Report.

The report of this Yearly Meeting Society is most encouraging. They undertook the support of Mrs. Smith, and have redeemed their pledge, besides doing some other work. Is there another Quarterly Meeting that can show as good a record as Strafford? This small Quarterly Meeting of three churches, and a total membership of 279, of whom 100 are non-resident, raised \$86.00. Will not others who are doing little or nothing emulate their example?

RHODE ISLAND.

DISTRICT SOCIETY — PRESIDENT, MRS. L. DEXTER, BLACKSTONE, MASS.; SECRETARY, MISS ELLA EVANS, 281 WASHINGTON STREET, PROVIDENCE.

The work in this Association is not divided among Quarterly Meetings, but all the churches are included in one district.

Number of churches in Association.....	26
Number of Auxiliaries.	16
Number of Bands.....	7
Returns from 11 Auxiliaries show membership of.....	396
Returns from 4 Bands " " " ".....	222
Amount raised.....	\$879 00

The secretary writes: "The work in the Rhode Island District for the year just closing, presents some features of especial promise.

"The response from the churches has been more *general*, and the interest in the work more marked. More money has been raised to be applied to the salaries assumed than ever before. New bands have been formed, and the work among the children has been more systematic and successful. At our last annual meeting, a vote was passed to give five per cent. additional, for all money raised. This sum to be used as an Incidental fund to be applied: two-thirds in our own District, one-third to the Woman's Society at large. The response to this request has been quite general, and thus we have been enabled to pay all our expenses and help in the general work."

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have no Society in this Association, and consequently no official report.

We are able to learn only of two auxiliaries, with about forty members; we cannot ascertain the exact amount of their contributions, but judge it is over one hundred dollars.

[Miss Stockwell for the Interior.]

MICHIGAN.

MICHIGAN YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. M. A. W. BACHELDER, HILLSDALE; SECRETARY, MRS. M. M. KOON, LISBON.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	Churches.	Auxiliaries.	Bands.	Members.	Amount Raised.
Hillsdale	Mrs. W. E. Dennett, Rome	9	4	320	\$259 55	
Genesee	Mrs. E. N. Wheeler, Columbiaville	5		47	136 74	
River Raisin.....	Miss Ina Clark, Manchester	1		17	28 88	
Grand Rapids..	Mrs. E. C. Bailey, East Paris	9		70	139 00	
Montcalm.....	Miss Dora Rich	4		20	1 33	
Total		28	4	474	\$565 50	

This Yearly Meeting comprises eleven Quarterly Meetings, eight of which, the secretary reports, as engaged in mission work. Oxford organized in June, 1885. Van Buren fails in reporting, but has reliable organization, and is not behind in good works. Their annual remittance is about one hundred dollars. Lansing does not work through the Woman's Society. A flourishing band has been at work for years in the Lansing church.

The secretary writes: "Whenever my hands and heart are relieved somewhat of their burden, I hope to have a better understanding with all our Quarterly Meetings. There is much mission work done in our state of which we have no account."

ST. JOSEPH VALLEY YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. LEVI FRENCH, HOMER; SECRETARY, MRS. E. L. OWEN, HOMER.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	Amount Raised.
Cass and Berrien	Miss Laura Garwood, Brownsville	\$35 66
Calhoun and North Branch	Mrs. Theo. Cook, Homer	45 36
Union	Mrs. A. Doude Allen	
Branch	Mrs. C. H. Austin, Batavia	46 10

This Yearly Meeting, organized in 1884, sends its first report. Its four Quarterly Meetings are organized and at work. The total membership is 126, but actual progress is

being made and encouragements are found on every side. The Cook's Prairie Church has a live children's band, which has twenty-three members, and has contributed \$5.69.

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION — SECRETARY, MRS. A. C. MCKOON,
ELLICOTTVILLE, N. Y.

The secretary sends report of three organized Yearly Meetings, and beside these, four Quarterly Meeting Societies in Yearly Meetings not organized.

In many of the churches, even those having Quarterly Meeting Societies, there are no auxiliaries, and much work done and moneys raised are not reported. Where there are such societies all contributions are credited to the Woman's Missionary Society.

Lack of union in work and lack of organization also, make it impossible to give full amount of money collected, as the secretaries fail to state this in their reports. The Birthday Offering is reaching some who would not otherwise give.

SUSQUEHANNA YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. WM. SHERWOOD, APALACHIN, N. Y.; SECRETARY, MISS LUCY E. DODGE, WARREN CENTRE, PA.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Gibson, Mrs. O. C. WHITNEY, New Milford, Pa.	Spafford, Miss J. V. LASELL, Sum- mer Hill, N. Y.
Owego, Mrs. MYRON PRINCE, Wind- ham, Pa.	

This Yearly Meeting Society has been recently organized.

HOLLAND PURCHASE YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. A. D. BATES, MARILLA, N. Y.; SECRETARY, MRS. S. L. PARKER, SHERMAN, N. Y.

Q. M. Secretaries.

French Creek, Mrs. S. MARSH, Clymer.	Cattaraugus, Mrs. ELLA CLARK, Ellicottville.
	Genesee, Mrs. A. M. FISH, Pike.

CENTRAL NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. I. J. HOAG;
SECRETARY, MRS. E. J. MORGAN, ONEONTA.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Oswego, Mrs. M. A. HOOSE, Mexico.	Whitestown, Miss JESSIE JUMP,
Otsego, Mrs. E. J. MORGAN, One- onta.	Ames.

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Tioga, Mrs. ANNA WARREN.	Chemung, Mrs. CHAS. RANDALL.
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ST. LAWRENCE YEARLY MEETING.

Q. M. Secretary.

Jefferson, Miss CARRIE NORTON, Depauville.

Rochester Quarterly Meeting in the Genesee Yearly Meeting has a society.

OHIO.

OHIO ASSOCIATION—SECRETARY, MRS. H. J. COE, CLEVELAND.

With gratitude we give these words from the secretary :

“ Our fourth year has been more successful than any preceding. Money contributed has been sufficient to pay the salary of our missionary and furnish her \$100.00 for her school, while Home Missions and the Educational Society have not been forgotten.

All the Yearly Meetings reorganized at their last session excepting the Ohio, from which no report has been received.

The Register gives twenty-two Quarterly Meetings belonging to the Association Society. When we consider that the Woman's Mission work has nearly all been done by nine Quarterly Meetings, we realize that we have only made a beginning. Few of the churches are doing all they are able to do. Some of our best workers are those who, until recently, paid little attention to missions.”

The following report gives account only of money sent to the Association Secretary. Work has been done in various parts of the State that should be included in this, but as no reports of such efforts have been received, it is impossible to give them at this time :

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA YEARLY MEETING—PRESIDENT, MRS. T. H. DRAKE. SOUTH NEW LYME, O.; SECRETARY, MISS GEORGIA TURNER, PIERPONT, O.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. Aux-iliaries.	Amount Raised.
Ashtabula.....	Miss Frankie Allison, Colebrook	10	2	\$30 66
Cleveland.....	Mrs. O. H. Denney, Hinckley	4	3	89 66
Crawford	Mrs. Lottie Stevenson.....	4	1	16 66
Washington. ..	Mrs. M. A. Nevins.....	6	6	121 52
	Yearly Meeting Collections			19 47
	Total	24	12	\$277 91

Ashtabula reports contributions from six churches having no auxiliaries. Cleveland auxiliary has a band of forty-six under its auspices, and we trust that this is a growing interest.

CENTRAL OHIO YEARLY MEETING — **PRESIDENT, MRS. J. C. SKIDMORE;**
SECRETARY, MRS. O. W. WALDRON, MARION.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. Auxiliaries.	Amount Raised.
Lorain	Mrs. O. W. Waldron, Marion	2	1	\$17 00
Marion		2	6	120 54
Richmond & Licking.....	Mrs. Phæbe Richardson	4	2	7 77
Harmony.....		6	3	43 30
				11 65
	Total	21	12	\$200 26

Ohio Yearly Meeting sends no report, but the following contributions have been received:

Miami Quarterly Meeting.....	\$2 00
Warren & Clark.....	22 85
Total.....	\$24 85

OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING — **PRESIDENT, MRS. H. J. CARR, JACKSON;**
SECRETARY, MRS. C. HOOPER, ATHENS.

In this Yearly Meeting numerous difficulties seem to forbid thorough organization, but blessed with some earnest Christian women the work is being carried on through their influence.

Meigs Quarterly Meeting has raised \$64.35; Gallia, Mrs. J. M. Davis, Rio Grande, secretary, \$55.40; Athens, \$8.95; Jackson, \$2.60; Yearly Meeting collections, \$13.00; total, \$144.30.

ONTARIO.

ONTARIO (CANADA) ASSOCIATION — **PRESIDENT, MRS. J. R. MOWRY,**
WATERFORD; SECRETARY, MISS M. H. CLARK, NAPIER.

This association, organized in October, 1884, has held public meetings at every gathering, and is making special effort to increase mission interest. Most of its contributions have been appropriated for Home Missions, but a desire to

widen its usefulness is felt by the few who will doubtless lead others into more general interest and effort. We have devoted sisters here whom the Lord will lead to glorify Him.

[Mrs. Crosswell for the West.]

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. H. C. KEITH, MINNEAPOLIS; SECRETARY, MRS. G. B. BRADBURY, 1217 CHESTNUT AVE., MINNEAPOLIS.

Quarterly Meetings.	Secretaries.	Churches.	Auxiliaries.	Bands.	Members Auxiliaries.	Band.	Amount Raised.
Hennepin.....	Mrs. G. B. Bradbury, Minneapolis.....	9	8	1	204	30	\$229 77
Winona and Houston.....	Miss Genie Gross.....	3	1		13		6 61
Chain Lake.....	Mrs. Brand.....	5	3		50		83 43
Root River.....	Mrs. S. N. Lamb.....	6	3		39		32 50
Total.....		23	15	1	306	30	\$352 31

The Hennepin Quarterly Meeting was organized Sept. 26, 1879; Winona and Houston, Nov. 1, 1883; Root River, June 8, 1884, and Chain Lake, Aug. 29, 1884. The Yearly Meeting Society in June, 1884.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING — PRESIDENT, MRS. F. M. WASHBURN, RACINE; SECRETARY, MRS. O. H. TRUE, WINNECONNE.

The number of Yearly Meeting Societies are 4; Quarterly Meetings, 6; Auxiliaries, 8; Bands, 4, and the amount raised, \$411.00.

The secretary says: "This is not a full report. We cannot obtain items in full; are too much scattered. Much is contributed by individuals."

IOWA.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING — MISS LOU CHAMPLIN, WATERLOO, SECRETARY.

Mrs. D. D. Mitchell, secretary of the Delaware and Clayton Quarterly Meeting Society, reports the society organ-

ized Sept. 6, 1882; that it comprises six auxiliaries; has held for the year four meetings; takes twenty-five copies of the *HELPER*, and has raised from September, 1884, to September, 1885, \$75.86; of which there has been expended for state work at Masonville, \$31.25; for zenana teacher in India, \$25 00. It has pledged \$25.00 to Sioux Falls when the Free Baptists shall build a church there.

The Woman's Mission Society, of Wilton, deserves especial mention and credit for their faithful and persistent effort to keep up their society. Though but few in number, they are earnest in their work, and are a bright example which might well be followed in some of our churches where there are no missionary societies.

At Wilton there is no church nor service by our denomination, but this faithful few, a remnant of the church organization that once existed there, hold their missionary meetings once a month, and have a nickel collection, besides paying their quarterly dues of twenty-five cents each.

This auxiliary has for its president Miss Nannie Dudley, and Miss Ida Cornwell for secretary. It numbers seven members; has raised \$13.41, \$5.00 of which has been given for Harper's Ferry, and \$5.00 for church at Courtland, Neb.

KANSAS.

The earnest, wide-awake woman who has charge of the work in Kansas* says: "Anything like a business-like report from Kansas is out of the question. It seemed important to interest the ministers if possible, so I have written to them.

"I learn that the women in the Fostoria Church have an auxiliary. Mrs. Chace, of Netawaka, thinks each church in her Quarterly Meeting is able to give five dollars and a quilt. The mission club at Hammond has nine members, almost all of whom take the *HELPER*. . . .

"From far and near the answer to my letters to the women have come saying an auxiliary society is now impossible, but we will work up to it as fast as possible. There seems to be a spirit of willingness to do and give, though to many this Woman's Missionary Society was an entirely new thing."

*No name accompanies this report.—EDITOR.

Treasurer's Report.

AUGUST 31, 1885.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
WITH AUGUST 31, 1885.

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To cash on hand Aug. 30, 1884.....	\$123 59
“ for Foreign Missions.....	\$632 45
“ “ zenana work.....	100 99
“ “ Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary and work...	537 12
“ “ Miss H. Phillips' “ “ ...	447 98
“ “ Miss I. Phillips' “ “ ...	257 85
“ “ Miss L. Coombs' salary.....	110 11
“ “ zenana work, Industrial School, and Bible women at Midnapore and vicinity.....	482 71
“ “ Miss Mary Bachelor's salary.....	120 20
“ “ Mrs. Burkholder's schools.....	56 00
“ “ Home Missions.....	122 92
“ “ Harper's Ferry.....	52 18
“ “ Mrs. Lightner's salary.....	32 10
“ “ Miss Franklin's “	254 60
“ “ Western Department.....	30 10
“ from part interest of money invested.....	44 34
“ for general work.....	1,353 93
(Total receipts for yearly appropriations, \$4,635 58)	
To cash from Woman's Aids For. Miss. Society of New Brunswick, for its appropriation to Mrs. D. F. Smith's work.....	300 00
“ for school-house at Balasore.....	70 00
“ “ Incidental fund.....	20 62
“ from balance of interest for Leaflets, etc...	33 34
“ for Western work, by special act.....	158 02
(Total receipts for special appropriations, \$581 98)	
Total Receipts.....	\$5,217 56
Total to account for.....	\$5,350 15

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By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary.....	\$400 00
“ “ Mrs. D. F. Smith, for orphanage and schools	200 00
“ “ Mrs. D. F. Smith, for scholars	25 00
“ “ Miss Hattie Phillips' salary.....	400 00
“ “ Miss Hattie Phillips, for work.....	100 00
“ “ Miss Ida Phillips' salary.....	400 00
“ “ Miss Ida Phillips' salary, balance of last year.....	70 75
“ “ Miss Ida Phillips, for work	270 00

By cash for Miss Coombs' salary.....	400 00
“ “ Miss Coombs, for zenana work, Industrial School and Bible women.....	524 50
“ “ Mrs. Julia Burkholder's schools.....	160 00
“ “ Miss Mary Bachelor's salary.....	200 00
“ “ Mrs. Lura Lightner's salary.....	400 00
“ “ Miss Coralie Franklin's salary.....	300 00
“ “ work at Harper's Ferry, sent to Rev. N. C. Brackett.....	400 00
“ on Western appropriation.....	110 65
“ for printing reports.....	108 55
(Total on yearly appropriations, \$4,469 45.)	
By cash for Woman's Aid F. M. Soc., of New Brunswick, for appropriations Mrs. D. F. Smith's work.....	300 00
“ “ school-house at Balasore.....	70 00
“ “ Incidental fund.....	27 33
“ “ Literature.....	30 72
“ “ Western work, by special act.....	158 02
(Total for special appropriation, \$586 07.)	
Total disbursements.....	\$5,055 52
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1885.....	294 63
Total accounted for.....	\$5,550 15

Of cash on hand there is due sundry items amounting to \$143 88.

INVESTMENTS.

Balance of note against Storer College.....	\$149 22
Deposited in Strafford Co. Savings Bank.....	122 73
Bond and mortgage of Carrol H. Johnson.....	300 00
“ “ Kate Schulte and husband.....	500 00
Total working capital.....	\$1,071 95

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments made as per statement.

Mrs. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources:

Maine.....	\$1,411 32
New Hampshire.....	817 36
Rhode Island.....	694 06
Michigan.....	402 44
Vermont.....	354 47
Minnesota.....	303 40
Massachusetts.....	288 67
Wisconsin.....	107 87
New York.....	104 35
Iowa.....	94 70
Illinois.....	71 32
Indiana.....	55 82

Appropriations for 1886.

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Province of Quebec	\$35 50
Ohio.....	18 60
Missouri.....	16 00
West Virginia.....	14 50
Dakota	7 92
Pennsylvania.....	1 00
District of Columbia.....	50
Nebraska.....	43
Miscellaneous	39 65
Interest.....	77 68
Ladies' Aid Society of New Brunswick.....	300 00

Total receipts \$5,217 56

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886.

INDIA.

Midnapore.

Salary of Miss L. C. Coombs.....	\$400 00
Zenana Work.....	200 00
Ragged Schools and Bible Women.....	325 00
Rent.....	75 00

Tellasure.

Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith.....	400 00
Girls' Orphanage and Schools.....	200 00
Salary of Assistant.....	300 00

Bhimpore.

Teachers and Schools (Mrs. Burkholder).....	160 00
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Balasore.

Salary of Miss Hattie P. Phillips.....	400 00
Work	100 00
Salary of Miss Ida O. Phillips.....	400 00
Work.....	270 00
Rent for both.....	150 00

Total for India.....\$3,380 00

HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

Salary of Mrs. Lura Lightner.....	\$400 00
Salary of Miss Coralie Franklin.....	350 00
Work at Harper's Ferry.....	400 00

Total for Normal School.....\$1,150 00

Home Missions.....	\$300 00
Miss Mary Bachelor (in America).....	400 00

Total.....\$5,230 00

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

THIS organization shall be called the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings, more especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools and churches in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership, and \$20.00 life membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President from each Yearly Meeting or Association Society, who shall be the same person as is the President of a Yearly meeting or Association Society, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, when needed, an Auditor, who, with thirteen other women, shall constitute a Board of Managers, seven of whom may form a quorum. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V.

RELATIONS TO OTHER SOCIETIES.

This Society shall act as an associate worker with the F. B. Foreign Mission Society and the F. B. Home Mission Society, and no missionary shall be sent to India without the approval of the F. B. Foreign Mission Society.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October, due notice of time and place being given by the Recording Secretary,

who shall also call special meetings when so directed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

CHANGES.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE I. — DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall perform all duties usual to such office, and shall also be the president of the Board of Managers.

2. The Vice-Presidents, who are the presidents of Y. M. and Association societies, shall perform the duties usual to such office. The one who is president of the Y. M. Society in which the meeting of this Society is held, shall, in absence of the President, perform her duties. They are also members of the Board of Managers.

3. The Recording Secretary shall also be secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Board of Managers, at the Annual Meeting of the Society, for its approval. She shall apprise members of committees of their appointment, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

4. The Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries and teachers, both at home and abroad, and keep on file letters and papers. She shall call meetings of the Board of Managers, duly notify each member, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board, and present to the Society an annual report.

5. The Home Corresponding Secretaries shall have oversight of the work of the Society as relates to organization, securing the formation, as far as possible, of Y. M., Q. M., and Auxiliary societies. They shall conduct correspondence with the Corresponding Secretary of these societies, and present to the Society an annual report.

6. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report which has been accepted by the Board of Managers, at each annual meeting of the Society. She shall pay no bills except by vote of the Board, which vote shall be signed by the Recording Secretary. She shall also give a bond satisfactory to the Board.

7. The Board of Managers shall select and appoint missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society.

ARTICLE II.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *A Publication Committee* of seven shall be appointed annually, who shall have in charge tracts, leaflets, books, and our magazine. Their special duties shall be assigned them by the Board of Managers, and they shall report annually to the Society.

2. *Bureau of Intelligence*—This department of work is designed to afford a medium of circulating missionary intelligence among Auxiliaries and churches. It shall be under the care of a committee of two persons, who shall have power to enlarge their number when needed. They shall report annually to the Society.

3. *Advisory Committee (in India.)*—The missionaries of this Society in India shall constitute an Advisory Committee, regularly organized. Business requiring action of the Board of Managers shall be communicated through their secretary: this shall include requests for furloughs to return home, and any possible resignation of missionaries. In consultation with other missionaries whose work we assist, it shall ascertain and recommend the proportionate amount of money needed for the work at the several stations, the Secretary forwarding this basis of appropriation with the annual reports of the several missionaries to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society by July 1st, annually.

ARTICLE III.—SPECIAL OBJECTS.

1. *Incidental Fund.*—This fund is designed for the payment of necessary expenses of special meetings of the Board of Managers, traveling expenses of delegates and committees, and for postage, stationery, and printing of the officers of the general Society. Its disbursements shall be under control of the Board of Managers.

2. *Working Capital.*—The interest of this fund is designed to be used for the general work of this Society, and the fund itself only as security for obtaining money to meet emergencies. The money borrowed on this security is to be returned before new appropriations are made. This capital shall be invested in safe securities by the Treasurer, under direction of the Board.

CHANGES.

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Form of Bequest.

I GIVE and bequeath to the FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, incorporated in the year 1883, under the laws of the State of Maine, the sum of dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Society.

